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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes	Candles: best brands
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises	Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands	Vestas, by approved makers
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf	Salt: table, fine, and coarse
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies	Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanias, and Elemes
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles	Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene
	Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

TOBACCOS.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior	Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens	Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.	

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case	Moselle: No. 2
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case	Rock: Gold Leaf
Rum: Lemon Hart's	Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape	Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial.
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond	Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Gia: JOKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell	Cordials: assorted
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's	Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsen's
Claret: St. Julien's	Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse	Billies and pannikins
Gunpowder, caps, and shot	Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Long and short handled shovels	Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Spades, sluice forks	Iron boilers
Picks and pick handles	Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Gold dishes, hose-pipes	Axes and axe-handles
Drills and drilling hammers	Nails, cut and wrought
Manilla and flax ropes	Tacks, clout and American cut
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils	Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Galvanised and corrugated iron	Cutlery, a large assortment
Stoves and piping	Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac	Dress materials: wineys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Boys' do.	Flannels; Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin	Blankets, rugs, quilts
Shirts: white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed	Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton	Cocoa and felt mattings
Hosiery and hats	Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets
	Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boots

Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete	China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket	

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS' GROCERY QUOTATIONS.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s 6d	Hams, 10d per lb
Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d	Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d
Sultanias, 8d per lb	Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d
Muscatsels, 1s 3d per lb	Lobsters, 11d per tin
Jordan Almonds, 2s 6d per lb	Salmon, 1s per tin
Elemes, 7d per lb	Oysters, 7d per tin
Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb	Pickles, 1s per bottle
Two-crown Soap, 14s per box	Candles 11d per lb
Three-crown Soap, 17s per box	Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin
Cheese, 10d per lb	Marmalade, 11d per tin
	Figs, 1s 6d per box

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Watertights, Elastic Sides and Lace-ups, Colonial Made, 16s 6d and 17s 6d.

Ladies' and Children's Boots (Copper Toes), 6s.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

Cromwell Advertisements

GIVING UP BUSINESS.

Having already retired from our other up-country Stores, we have, now that our Mr Arndt is leaving the district, also decided to

GIVE UP OUR CROMWELL BRANCH.

THE WHOLE STOCK,

Consisting of

DRAPERY, IRONMONGERY, GROCERY, ETC.,

(Being the Largest and Best in any up-country town,) will be sold at prices that, we believe, will induce the people of the Cromwell and Dunstan District to make large purchases.

THE PREMISES,

Which would make a first-class Hotel (unless let or sold privately), will be sold by auction.

Persons desirous of purchasing a portion or the whole of the Business will be liberally dealt with.

Also,

VALUABLE SECTIONS AND BUILDINGS,

The Property of Mr Arndt, are in the market, and if not sold privately, will be offered by auction.

I. HALLNSTEIN AND CO.

W. TALBOYS' PRICE LIST OF

SUMMER DRAPERY, CLOTHING, &C.

Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s	Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, in Colonial and English Tweeds and make
Good Wineys, 10d, 11d and 1s	Suits, 37s 6d, 40s, 45s and 50s
French Merinoes, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s	Drill Suits, 25s
Double-width Plaid, 2s 6d	Trowsers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d, 25s and 27s 6d
Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s the dress	Trowsers, Tweed, 12s 6d, 14s 6d, 16s and 18 6d
Black and Colored Lustres, 1s 2d	Coats, 17s 6d, 20s, 25s and 30s; Pilot Cloth, 20s, 25s, and 27s 6d; Holland, 6s 6d and 8s 6d; Silk, 22s 6d
New Prints, fast colors, 6d, 8d and 10d	White Moles, 8s 6d; Colored, 10s 6d
Newest patterns in Muslins, 10d and 11d	Knit Drawers, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d; Mosgiel, 9s 6d; Serge, 7s 6d; Cotton and Merino, 3s, 3s 6d and 4s
Latest fashions in Costumes, 17s 6d	Shirts—Flannel, 6s, 6s 6d and 7s 6d; Shepherd's Plaid, 7s 6d, 8s 6d and 9s 6d; Crimean, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d; Linen, 2s 6d, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d
Horrock's Calico, 33in, 6s 6d per doz.; Unbleached, 6s	Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d
Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d	Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d.
Turkish Towels, 13s per doz.	Boys' Colored Moles, 7s.
Blankets, all colors, from 15s	
Brown Holland, 8d, 10d and 1s	
Linen Diaper, 1s, 1s 3d and 1s 6d	
Fancy Linen Checks, 11d	
Best Flannel, 1s 6d, 1s 9d and 2s	
Muslin Curtains, 8s 6d the set	
Tweeds, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d	
Carpets and Floorcloths	

MILLINERY, UNDERCLOTHING, FISCHUES AND FANCY GOODS
IN GREAT VARIETY.

Cromwell



N O T I C E

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of January, February, March, April, May and June, 1879, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:—

CLYDE — January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
 February 6, 13, 20 and 27
 March 6, 13, 20 and 27
 April 3, 10, 17 and 24
 May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
 June 5, 12, 19 and 26

CROMWELL — January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
 February 7, 14, 21 and 28
 March 7, 14, 21 and 28
 April 4, 11, 18 and 25
 May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
 June 6, 13, 20 and 27

ALEXANDRA — January 13
 February 10
 March 10
 April 7
 May 5
 June 2 and 30

[The Office at Alexandra will be open once a fortnight for the transaction of public business.]

ROXBURGH — January 7
 February 4
 March 4
 April 1 and 29
 May 27
 June 24

BLACKS — January 14
 February 11
 March 11
 April 8
 May 6
 June 3

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
 Warden and R.M.

HENRICH BEHRENS,
 WHEELWRIGHT
 AND COACH-BUILDER,
 MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales),
 Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

K. P. R. E. T. S. C. H.
 CROMWELL,
 COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
 PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
 General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,
 Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to
QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

E. MURRELL,
 WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per Suez Mail, his first consignment of **SILVER HUNTING LEVER WATCHES** direct from the Manufacturer in London. As these Watches are made to his own order, bear his name, and specially made to suit the requirements of this district, he can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.

E.M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.
 A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,
 Watch and Clock Maker,
 MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

DOCTOR THOMAS
 (from Collins and Lonsdale-streets, Melbourne) may be consulted at his rooms, Octagon, Dunedin, north-east corner, next Working Men's Club. Consulting hours from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m. Sunday included.

Young, middle-aged and elderly men suffering from Debility of the Generative System, Nervous, Skin and Contagious Diseases should consult the Doctor personally or by letter, enclosing stamps for a reply.

The following nominations have been passed by Dr. Thomas:—Licentiate Royal College of Physicians, London, 1864; Doctor of Medicine, University of Giessen, Germany, 1871; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, 1859; and Licentiate in Midwifery, 1864.

Cases of Medicine forwarded to any part of New Zealand.

Insurance Companies.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,
 Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.

Accepts Fire Risks on every description of property, at lowest rates.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
 Agent, Cromwell.

SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE CO.

CAPITAL ... £750,000.

With unlimited liability of Shareholders.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

JOHN DAVIE, Esq. (Messrs M'Landress, Hepburn, and Co.)

JAMES MILLS, Esq., Manager Union Steam Ship Company.

JAMES RATTRAY, Esq. Messrs J. Rattray and Co.)

GEORGE TURNBULL, Esq. (Messrs W. and G. Turnbull and Co.)

CROMWELL AGENTS: D. A. JOLLY & Co.

The popularity of the South British among the insuring public is best shown by the large and steady increase in its business.

FIRST YEAR'S PREMIUM RECEIPTS ... £34,032

SECOND DO. DO. ... 69,041

THIRD DO. DO. ... 95,184

Every description of Fire Insurance business undertaken. The liberality and promptness in settlement which have been important features in securing the above rapid progress still characterise the South British.

Every information supplied by

D. A. JOLLY & CO.,
 Agents, Cromwell.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
 OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
 of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WANAKA SAW-MILLS.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
 PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills in complete working order with the best appliances obtainable and are prepared to supply Manufactured Timber of every description; Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & Co.,
 WANAKA SAW MILLS.

VULCAN FOUNDRY,
 Great King-street, Dunedin.

KINCAID, M'QUEEN AND CO.,
 Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Founders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron. Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired. Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels, Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to any size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, etc.

Flour-mill Machinery.

All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power Machines made and repaired.

Improved Reaping Machines.

K., M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron Piping for Fluming and Hydraulic Mining is the best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

Cromwell

SWAN BREWERY,
 CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER - Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
 Next door to

STARKEY'S CROMWELL HOTEL.

ROBERT WISHART,

General Blacksmith, Farrier, Machinist, &c., Begs to intimate to the public that he has purchased the business from Mr EDWARD LINDSAY, as Farrier and Blacksmith, and hopes by paying strict attention to business, and turning out good substantial work of all kinds, guaranteed, to merit a continuance of public support.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has purchased the CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS from Mr LINDSAY, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.

Light shoes ... 10s.
 Draught do. ... 16s.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS

Having purchased the business as General Blacksmith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately carried on by Mr R. Cayford, begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,
 Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
 WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND GENERAL
 STOREKEEPERS,
 MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

**WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND
 FAMILY GROCERIES**

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of

**FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL
 PRODUCE**
 of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills. In this line the firm can offer special value.

**GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE
 DISTRICT.**

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

A. G. WATSON
 (Late Watson and Gow),

Begs respectfully to inform his numerous friends and the public generally that he has commenced Business as General Blacksmith and Wheelwright in the premises occupied by the late firm, and trusts, by attention and making none but first-class articles, to merit a share of public patronage. Town and country orders punctually attended to.—Princes-street south, Dunedin.

Miscellaneous.

P. BUTEL & CO.'S
 FLOUR MILLS,

NEAR ARROWTOWN,
 Supply First-class
 SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN, AND
 POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. B. L. Luks),
 COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
 GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

COBB AND CO.'S
 LIVERY STABLES,

LAWRENCE,

Will now be under the personal supervision of
 Mr Craig.

HORSES & BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG & Co.,
 Proprietors.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.

Impurity of the Blood.—Enteubled Existence.

This medicine embraces every attribute required in a general and domestic remedy; it overturns the foundation of disease laid by defective food and impure air. In obstruction or congestion of the liver, lungs, bowels, or any other organs, these Pills are especially serviceable and eminently successful. They should be kept in readiness in every family, being a medicine of incomparable utility for young persons, particularly to those of feeble constitutions.

Biliousness, Loss of Appetite, Headache and Lowness of Spirits.

These Pills effect a truly wonderful change in debilitated constitutions, as they create a healthy appetite, correct indigestion, remove excess of bile, and overcome giddiness, headache, and palpitation of the heart.

Mothers and Daughters.

If there is one thing more than another for which these pills are famous it is their purifying properties, especially their power of cleansing the blood from all impurities, removing dangerous congestions, and renewing suspended secretions. Universally adopted as the one grand remedy for female complaints, these Pills never fail, never weaken the system, and always bring about what is required.

Nervous Debility.

Persons who feel weak, low, and nervous, may rest assured some serious ailment is looming in the distance, against which instant action should be taken. These renowned Pills present the ready means of exciting energetic action on the liver, liberating accumulated bile, and lifting at once a load from the spirits and expelling poison from the body.

Indigestion, Stomach, and Liver Complaints.

Persons suffering from any disorders of the liver, stomach, or other organs of digestion, should have immediate recourse to these Pills, as there is no medicine known that acts on these particular complaints with such certain success.

Holloway's Pills are the best Remedy known in the world for the following diseases:—

Ague	Inflammation
Asthma	Jaundice
Bilious Complaints	Liver Complaints
Blotches on the Skin	Lumbago
Bowel Complaints	Piles
Colic	Rheumatism
Constipation of the Bowels	Retention of Urine
Consumption	Scrofula, or King's Evil
Debility	Sore Throats
Dropsy	Stone and Gravel
Dysentery	Secondary Symptoms
Erysipelas	Tic Doleureux
Female Irregularities	Tumours
Fevers of all kinds	Ulcers
Fits	Veneral Affections
Gout	Worms of all kinds
Headache	Weakness, from whatever cause
Indigestion	&c. &c. &c.

Each Pot and Box of the Genuine Medicines bears the British Government Stamp, with the words "Holloway's Pills and Ointment, London," engraved thereon.
 On the label is the address, 533, Oxford street, London, where alone they are manufactured.

Beware of all Compounds styled

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT
 With a "New York" Label.

Hotels.

KIRTLBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.
Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,
QUEENSTOWN.

R. ANDERSON ... Proprietor.

The above well-known hotel has recently been refitted, and now affords the most comfortable accommodation

Wines, Spirits, &c., of the best brands.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,
(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.)

Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,

(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retained at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.

CHARLES PEAKE,
Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, is now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour him with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM, fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables
AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE, with careful groom always in attendance.

CHARLES PEAKE.

N O T I C E.

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

N O T I C E.

After this date, POISON will be laid for DOGS on Runs 459 and 461, being Dingle Station.

TIMOTHY COTTER.

December 18, 1878.

Cromwell



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



CROMWELL BUTCHERY
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.



R. AND W. OLDS,
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL,

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

THOMAS FOOTE,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.



COACH TO LAKE WANAKA.

KIDD'S MAIL COACH.

Leaves Goodger's Hotel, Cromwell,

FOR LAKE WANAKA

Every

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Morning, at 7 o'clock, returning the following day.

Booking Office for Passengers and Parcels:

GOODGER'S HOTEL, CROMWELL.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

Whereas a Declaration has been lodged with me, made by MICHAEL SHARCO, of Cromwell, in the Provincial District of Otago, the registered proprietor of sections numbered respectively 29, 30 and 31, block II, on the map of the Town of Cromwell aforesaid, of the loss of the Certificate of Title to the said sections, bearing date the 6th day of May, 1875, and entered in the Register Book of the said District, vol. 18, folio 177; I hereby give notice that I intend to issue a Provisional Certificate of Title to the said sections to the said MICHAEL SHARCO, unless caveat be lodged forbidding same within fourteen days from the date of gazetting hereof.

Dated at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin, the 7th day of February, 1879.

A. W. SMITH,
District Land Registrar.

Miscellaneous.

THE RATING ACT, 1876.
COUNTY OF VINCENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Court will sit at the County Offices, Cromwell, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of March next, at the hour of noon, to consider all objections made to Valuations of Property within the Ridings of Kawarau, Nevis, Hawea, Lindis and Clutha, Vincent County, at which place all objections must be lodged.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,

Judge of Assessment Court.

Clyde, January 31st, 1879.

THE RATING ACT, 1876.
BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Court for the above-named Borough will sit at the Resident Magistrate's Court House, Cromwell, on FRIDAY, the 14th day of March next, at the hour of noon, for the purpose of hearing and determining all objections to the Valuation Lists of rateable property in the Wards of the said Borough.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,

Judge of Assessment Court.

Clyde, January 31st, 1879.

V. R.

N O T I C E.

In pursuance of the 14th Section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I Hereby Give Notice that the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the Districts of Cromwell Town and Cromwell District will be held on TUESDAY, the 4th day of March, 1879, in the Court House, Cromwell, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer, or Renewal, or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall be given to me, for the aforesaid districts in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

IS. MEAD DALGLIESH,

Clerk to Licensing Court.

Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,
Cromwell, February 1st, 1879.

V. R.

N O T I C E.

In pursuance of the 14th Section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I Hereby Give Notice that the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the District of Cardrona will be held on TUESDAY, the 4th day of March, 1879, at Pembroke, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer, or Renewal, or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall be given to me, for the aforesaid district in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

JAMES FLEMING.

Clerk to Licensing Court.

Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,
Arrowtown, February 1st, 1879.



CROMWELL ANNUAL RACE MEETING, DECEMBER 1879.

CROMWELL DERBY

A Sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, 2 sovs. forfeit, with 50 sovs. added by the Club. For 3-year-olds, bred in Vincent and Lake Counties. Derbyweights—Colts, 8st 10lbs; Fillies, 8st 5lbs. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a half.

Nominations to be sent to the Secretary on or before the 24th day of May next; balance of sweep, £3, to be made good on night of general entry.

Declaration of forfeit to be made to the Secretary on or before Saturday, the 8th day of November, 1879, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

GEO. JENOUR,

Secretary.

Boyhood of Edison, the Inventor.

At twelve he began the world as a train-boy on the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada and Central Michigan. To one who has noted the precocious self-possession, the flippant conversational powers and the sharp financial dealings of the young persons who for the most part abound in it, it does not seem a profession for the cultivation of the spirit of quiet research or the most thorough acquirement of the sciences and arts. But it is fair to presume that Master Edison at this time had no very comprehensive scheme of development prepared. It offered the most available means of livelihood. He went into it with a will, and in course of time he became an employer of labor, having four assistants under him for the disposal of his wares. He is not averse to recur to the humors of this part of his life. "Were you one of the kind train-boys," he has been asked, "who sell figs in boxes with the bottoms half an inch thick?" "If I recollect right," he replied, with a merry twinkle, "the bottoms of my boxes were a good inch thick!" There exists a daguerrotype of the train-boy at this epoch. It shows the future celebrity as a chubby-faced fellow in a glazed cap and muffler, with papers under his arm. The face has an expansive smile—not too fine a point on it, a grin. Yet there is something honest and a little deprecating in it, instead of impudence. He was, as will be shown, an eccentricity among train-boys, and was no doubt sensible of it. He looks like a fellow whose glazed cap a brakeman would tinkle over his eyes in passing, while thinking a deal of him all the same. His peculiarity consisted in having established in turn, in the disused smoking section of a springless old baggage car which served him as head quarters for his papers, fruit and vegetables, ivory, two industries little known to train-boys in general. He surrounded himself with a quantity of bottles and retort stands—made in the railroad shops in exchange for papers—procured a copy of "Fresenius' Qualitative Analysis," and, while the train bumped rudely along, conducted the experiments of a chemist. By hanging about the office of the *Detroit Free Press* in some spare hours, he acquired an idea of printing. At a favorable opportunity he purchased from the office 300 pounds of old type, and to the laboratory a printing-office was added. It seems to have been by a peculiar, good-natured hanging-round process of his own, with his eyes extremely wide open and sure of what they wanted to see, that his practical information on so many useful subjects was obtained. He learned something of mechanics and the practical mastery of a locomotive in the railroad shops, and acquired an idea of the powers of electricity from telegraph operators. With his printing office he published a paper—*The Grand Trunk Herald*. It was a weekly, twelve by sixteen inches, and was noticed by the *London Times*, to which a copy had been shown by some traveller, as the only journal in the world printed on a railway train. The impressions were taken by the most primitive of all means—that of pressing the sheets upon the type with the hands, and were on but one side of the paper. Baggage-men and brake-men contributed the literary contents. In 1862, during the battle of Pittsburg Landing, the enterprising manager conceived the idea of telegraphing on the head-lines of his exciting news, and having them pasted on bulletin boards at the small country stations. The result was a profitable venture, and the first awakening of interest on his side in the art of telegraphing, in which he was destined to play such a remarkable part. During this time he continued his reading with unabated industry. His train carried him to Detroit, where there were advantages he had never enjoyed before. An indication of his thirst for knowledge, of a naive ignoring of enormous difficulties, and of the completeness with which the shaping of his career was in his hands, is found in a project formed by him to read through the whole public library. There was no one to tell him that all of human knowledge may be found in a certain moderate number of volumes, nor to point out to him approximately what they were. Each book was, in his view, a distinct part of the great domain, and he meant to lose none of it. He began with the solid treatises of a dusty lower shelf, and actually read, in the accomplishment of his heroic purpose, fifteen feet in a line. He omitted no book, and skipped nothing in them.

The following tit-bit is taken from the *Dunedin Age*:—"You are discharged," and try and get an honest living if you can," was the admonition of Mr C. S. Reeves, J.P., as a vagrant named Maddison was set at liberty.

WANTED, a Female GENERAL SERVANT. Apply to John Saul, Grand View Hotel, Sandy Point; or, to THE ARGUS Office.

WANTED, a MARRIED COUPLE (for Home Station) or a Single GIRL—the latter preferred. Apply to
JAMES COWAN,
Kawarau Station.

FOUND, on Cromwell Flat, a Silver Hunting WATCH with silver chain. Delivery given on description and payment of this advertisement. Apply, office of this Paper, or to
M. SHARCO,
Cromwell.

FOR SALE,
At Ardour Station,
5000 full-mouthed EWES.
Delivery on or about 21st March.
JOHN DEWAR,
Manager.

FOR SALE,
4000 full-mouthed WETHERS
4000 do EWES
For further particulars, apply to
A. M'PHAIL,
Manager Morven Hills Station.

FOR SALE
Valuable FARM, being four of the choicest Sections in the Mount Barker Block.
Terms very liberal, extending, if desired, over three or four years.
Particulars on application, personally or by letter, to
OWEN O'NEILL,
Or, **THOMAS DONNELLY,**
Bannockburn.

TENDERS will be received up till the 12th instant for SINKING a SHAFT in the Cromwell Coal Pit 50ft (more or less). Specifications may be seen at Mr Geo. Jenour's, Cromwell.

ED. M'NULTY,
Cromwell Coal Pit.

CROMWELL CO., BENDIGO.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till the 13th inst. for Supplying the above Company with OATS, CHAFF and BRAN for Four Months.

For particulars, apply to

CHARLES TODD,
Mill Manager.

TO CONTRACTORS.
EXTENSION OF TIME.

FRESH TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till the 12th inst. for Erecting Additional Classroom (in stone) to the Cromwell School.

Plans and Specifications to be seen at Mr Jas. Marshall's office, Cromwell, and at the office of the Inspector of Buildings, Dunedin.

P. G. PRYDE,
Secretary Education Board.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the ERECTION of a Public SCHOOL BUILDING at Pembroke.

Plans and specifications to be seen at Mrs Russell's Wanaka Hotel.

Tenders to be addressed to the Chairman, Post-office, Pembroke, not later than 8 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 19th March ensuing. A deposit of 2½ per cent. on the amount to accompany each tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

ROBT. M'DOUGALL,
Secretary.

Pembroke, February 26th, 1879.

CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 12th March, at 8 o'clock.

Business: Initiations and Raisings.

By order of the R.W.M.

J. A. PRESHAW,
Secretary.

CRITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night	...	6s
Single Feed	...	2s
Meals and Bed, each	...	2s
Board and Lodging, per week	30s	
Board only	...	20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

WAKATIPU STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED).

THE NEW S.S. MOUNTAINEER,

Captain T. PATERSON,
Carrying H.M. Mails, will Leave
QUEENSTOWN FOR KINGSTON
DAILY, at 10 a.m.,
Meeting the Invercargill Train, and Returning to Queenstown at 2.30 p.m.

The Directors, having REDUCED the rates hitherto ruling on all kinds of Freight, hope to secure thereby the greatest share of the Lake traffic, and draw the attention of the Travelling Public to the Superior Passenger Accommodation and the high rate of speed of this splendid Boat.

Goods for the Arrow District stored here until the Frankton Agency is established.

The Public are invited to avail themselves of the Season Tickets issued by the Company.

For particulars, apply to the Captain or the undersigned.

LEWIS HOTOP,
Manager.
Queenstown, February 13th, 1879.

WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH,
At 2 p.m.

VALUABLE
TOWN PROPERTY
IN CROMWELL.

For Absolute Sale by Auction.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
under instructions from the Mortgagee, will submit to public competition, on Wednesday, 5th March, at 2 p.m., in the Town Hall,

Sections 4, block II., Cromwell, now in the occupation of Mr Owen Pierce as a butcher's shop

Sections 3, 10, 11 and 12, block XVII., being 21a 1r 16p, securely fenced and cultivated

Section 2, block I., Cromwell District.

The above lots have long been acknowledged the pick of the Sections in Block XVII. The position of Section 4, block II., is unsurpassed in Cromwell, and the Buildings are of a substantial character.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, 8th MARCH,
At 2 p.m.

At Stuart's Yards.

HORSES, CATTLE, ETC.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH
will sell by auction, at Stuart's Yards, on Saturday, 8th March, at 2 o'clock,

10 head mixed Cattle
Horses, including 3-year-old filly by Roebuck
Express Waggon
Lot of Fowls
Double-barrelled Guns
Superior Rotherham Watch
Single and Double Iron Bedsteads
Tables, Chairs, Pictures, &c., &c.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, 15th MARCH,
At 2 p.m.

In the Intestate Estate of JOHN M'LEAN, deceased.

At Morven Hills Station.

Horses, Saddles, Books, Pictures,
&c., &c.

Sale by Auction.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
instructed by Sergeant M'Gann, will sell by public auction, at the Morven Hills Station, on Saturday, 15th March, at 2 p.m., without reserve,

Several useful Horses
2 Saddles and Bridles
Books, Pictures
Household Furniture, &c.

TERMS CASH.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

V. R. NOTICE.

THE Warden's Office at Arrowtown is a duly established Land Office within the Queenstown Local Land District.

H. A. STRATFORD,
District Land Officer.

KAWARAU AND SHOTOVER DISTRICTS.

1093 Acres under Deferred Payment are Open for application at any Land Office in the Otago Land District on MONDAY, 17th March, 1879.

Sections 3, 4 and 7, block VII., Kawarau District; Sections 40, block VIII.; and Sections 1 and 2, block X., Shotover District, containing from 144 to 200 Acres each.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CHRISTCHURCH GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP
(To be run on April 14, 1879).

MR A. A. CAMERON

Has opened his
ANNUAL CONSULTATION ON THE ABOVE IMPORTANT EVENT.

4,000 Member at 20s Each.

First (definite)	...	£1,000
Second (definite)	...	500
Third (definite)	...	300
Other starters (divided)	...	800
Non-starters (divided)	...	1,400

£4,000

Exchange, 1s. for cheques. Two stamps required, one for reply and one for result.

ALFRED A. CAMERON,
Box 251; or, Prince of Wales Hotel, Dunedin.

CROMWELL COAL PIT.

EDWARD M'NULTY,

Having re-opened the above Pit, has determined to

REDUCE THE PRICE OF COAL TO

24s PER TON,

Delivered at his Customers' Residences in Cromwell, on and after

SATURDAY, 1st MARCH.

ED. M'NULTY,

Cromwell Coal Pit.

GEORGE JENOUR, Agent.

AN ENTERTAINMENT,
In aid of
ST. ANDREW'S PARSONAGE BUILDING FUND,

Will be held on

FRIDAY EVENING, 25th APRIL,

In the

CROMWELL ATHENÆUM.

PROGRAMME IN FUTURE ISSUE.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The next Suez mail will close here at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 12th inst.

The next 'Frisco' mail will close here on Monday, 24th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

W. WARD, Postmaster.

Cromwell Argus,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1879.

THE 31st day of the present month is the last within which claims can be received for registration on the Electoral Roll regulating elections to the General Assembly. So often and so widely is this warning spread that one would think it almost an unnecessary waste of time and space on our part, were it not made clearly evident that unless the subject is kept prominently before the eyes of those interested the opportunity will be allowed to slip past, and vain regrets be expressed when the time comes when the privilege should be exercised. And there is every indication that before another year expires the occasion for exercising the high privilege of an elector will present itself. It must be fresh in the recollection of every man who watches the progress of political events, how imminent were the probabilities of a dissolution last session; and these probabilities may now be looked upon as reduced to a certainty when the House again assembles. Measures will be introduced which must meet with powerful opposition, and a decision on which will undoubtedly be relegated to the voice of the people. It therefore behoves every man in the country who is either freeholder, leaseholder or householder to at once take the necessary steps to entitle him to a say in the government of the land. Not to do so argues a lack of ordinary intelligence, and as is the community so its representative may be looked upon merely as a makeshift, without social standing or weight in the deliberations of Parliament. Men of ability and political talent are proud to represent a powerful constituency, and when a district figures largely on the roll, it commands the attention and services of gentlemen who will do credit to those whom they represent. No matter who may be elected, it is always a source of strength to him in the House if he can assert with truth that he speaks for and on behalf of almost every man in his electorate. This should be the position of the Member for Dunstan, and at the present time no district in the colony requires more powerful advocacy on a variety of important matters than does our own. This being so, we hope that between this and the close of the current month every qualified resident—and who is not qualified?—will send in his application addressed to the Registration Officer at Clyde. The trouble entailed is trivial, and the form to be filled up is of the simplest character. These can be obtained from Mr SIMPSON, the Registration Officer; or if it is too much trouble to apply to that gentleman, forms can be had at this office, where it will not be difficult to get them filled up. Surely this is reducing the price of the privilege to a very low figure—merely the signing of one's name. The man who carelessly neglects his duty in this matter is not worthy to be classed as a colonist, and we shall indeed be sorry if this falls under the notice of any such among our readers.

The printed report of Mr Chief Engineer BLAIR on the damage done to public works by the recent floods in the Clutha River, we find in a parcel of Parliamentary papers received since last issue. From the report we summarise the loss sustained in the respective counties affected by the disaster. In Bruce County the total damage is put down at £8,750, as follows: Roads, including small bridges, £2,250; bridges, £6,100; river works, &c., £490. In Clutha County the loss is estimated at £26,150, namely:—(including streets of Balclutha, £5,100)—£12,100; bridges, £6,850; river works, £6,500; public buildings in Balclutha, £700. Tuapeka County suffers to the extent of £19,000—roads, £3,800; Roxburgh bridge, £7,200, and Beaumont bridge, £8,000. Vincent County road damage is set down as £8,550, the chief lines being Bendigo to Lindis, £3,000; Cromwell to Kirtleburn, £1,500; and Cromwell to Albert Town, £1,000. Loss in bridges tot up £10,690, Clyde bridge figuring for £8,000, and Macandrew, £2,000. The Alexandra, Bendigo and Albert Town punts are put down at £150 each; and removing Clyde Hospital at £300. In his recommendations, Mr Blair thinks that "instead of re-building the Clyde bridge in its old site a new bridge should be erected near Alexandra. A bridge at this place is much wanted. The piers of the Clyde bridge might be utilized for a foot- or horse-bridge." The total damage in Lake County amounts to £26,940, the road Kirtleburn to Morven Ferry, £7,000, being the principal item. The grand total foots up £100,830, and to make this good—on a more secure basis than before—Mr Blair estimates the cost at £103,000.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

DUNEDIN, March 4, 1.15 p.m.

Cargill's wool cablegram, dated 28th, says Home buyers act with much reserve, and competition is irregular. Compared with average rates of first series last year, prices are 10 per cent lower, particularly extra superior brands show a marked decline. [It should be noted that the comparison herein made is not with the last series, but with the first series of last year.]

Another big fire occurred at Masterton this morning. The newly-erected Bank of Australasia and other buildings—a large block—were destroyed. No particulars, owing to the telegraph line being down.

The inquiry into the colliery explosion at Kaitangata was resumed yesterday, when four fresh witnesses tendered evidence. Charles Samson, Director of the Green Island Coal Co., who has had considerable experience both in England and New Zealand in working coal mines, considered the Kaitangata mine had been worked on a safe system, provided the old workings had been properly shut off. The opinion of Cox, Inspector of Mines for Government, on this subject was, that with a knowledge that fire-damp had been noticed in the mine, proper precautions with respect to ventilation and egress had not been taken. Davidson, general Manager of the Kaitangata Co., stated it had never been reported to the Company that fire-damp was present in the mine, but he had personally been told that such was actually the case. He accordingly made enquiries of the working manager (the late William Hodge), who informed him that in consequence of a report to that effect, he had had the new workings tried once or twice, but no fire-damp was found. Only on the Sunday preceding the catastrophe, Davidson spoke to Hodge on the matter, but was then assured there was no danger. The secretary to the Company said Hodge never reported the mine to be unsafe, but that in October last, after hearing that fire-damp existed in the workings, Hodge remarked that the miners would need safety lamps some day. The lamps were not to be obtained here, and were consequently ordered from a firm of importers. The order was dispatched on 24th of October, but no lamps were yet received. The enquiry was adjourned till Monday; there are four or five witnesses to be examined.

Guthrie and Larnach's Company has declared a dividend at the rate of 12½ per cent., including bonus.

Education Secretary Hislop is on a visit to Canterbury and Otago.

Through the points being left open, the goods train journeying south ran into a lot of waggons on a siding. The guard is hurt.

The Wetherstones Cement Co. washed up over 250 tons of gold for 16 days' work.

Run No. 20 (Kuriwao), the lease of which expires next year, is recommended to be subdivided for re-leasing as Run No. 90, containing 7150 acres, and as Run No. 90A, containing 8150 acres.

Donations to the amount of £300, in aid of the Kaitangata Fund, were acknowledged yesterday. The directors of the Shag Point Coal Company gave £100.

The Auckland City West election (to-day) causes great excitement. 29 upholders of secular education came from the Thames in order to vote. Two vessels delayed going to sea in order to enable the masters and some of the crew to vote. £500 reward is offered for the detection of personation, and the oath has been put in about 150 doubtful cases.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, February 28.

Berry has submitted written proposals that the Assembly should be empowered to reform the Constitution; should the Council decline, then dissolve, and the Bill to become law without the Council. If Sir Hicks-Beach declines this proposal, then it is proposed that Hicks-Beach and Berry arrange a scheme which the Imperial Parliament will pass should the Council object. Sir M. Hicks-Beach abstained from giving an opinion, but is likely to give a written reply. He invited the embassy to a dinner on the 12th.

There will be no decision re mail tenders till the British postage is determined upon.

The banks yesterday advised that they could place three millions at 96, provided the remainder is withheld fourteen months.

The stock market has recovered a firm tone. Australian securities are remarkably firm. In wool, prices are weak, with a declining tendency. Wheat has advanced from 1s to 1s 6d.

Yakob Khan has notified the fact of Shere Ali's death to Lord Lytton, and asked for a suspension of hostilities, and a treaty of peace and alliance.

The colors of 24th Regiment were found under the dead bodies of British officers. The killed, wounded, and missing at the battle at Neandirild numbers about 1,500 British and Natives.

A new obstacle to the fulfilment of the Berlin Treaty has arisen. Russia objects to Turkey occupying the Balkans, and thinks that after the evacuation by herself, other Powers should watch the Bulgarians.

Lord Chelmsford at Natal is acting strongly on the offensive.

The Sheffield cutlers are signing a petition in favor of a duty on iron.

Distress amongst the middle class throughout France is on the increase.

Railway connection between Invercargill and Riverton was completed on 27th ult.

At a meeting of the Education Board on Thursday last, Mr W. Johnstone was appointed teacher of the new school at Bendigo.

We understand that Mr J. H. Stephens, at one time connected with the Cromwell telegraph office, and at present in charge of Alexandra station, is about to be transferred to Invercargill.

Fresh tenders are elsewhere invited for the erection of a new class-room to the Cromwell School, which must be lodged not later than 12th inst. Offers are invited for building a new school-house at Pembroke. These are required by 19th inst.

Messrs Grant and MacKellar are getting along rapidly with the alterations to the Town Hall. The building, when finished, will afford much-needed accommodation to the Borough officers, and externally will present a greatly improved appearance.

It is said that it is not the intention of the Telegraph Department to proceed at present with the projected line between Cromwell and Albert Town. We cannot just now say anything on the subject, as nothing official is yet known as to the intentions of the Department.

It is asserted by political authorities that there is an undoubted split in the Cabinet re Luckie's appointment to the Commission ship of Annuities, and which threatens the withdrawal from the Ministry of Messrs Stout and Ballance; and possibly Mr Macandrew, should Sir George Grey maintain his present attitude of opposition to the said appointment. [The breach has since been healed].

At the parade of Volunteers on Thursday evening the following promotions in the non-commissioned ranks were announced by Captain Brown:—Cromwell: 1st Sergeant, F. Jeffrey; 2nd Sergt., W. T. Ward; 3rd Sergt., J. M'Donald; 1st Corporal, J. Ritchie; 2nd Corporal, T. Graham. Bannockburn contingent: 1st Sergeant, J. Crabb; 2nd Sergt., H. Storey; Corporal, J. Menzies

Throughout the colony vigorous and hearty efforts are being towards relieving the sufferers by the recent calamity at Kaitangata. In almost every centre of population public meetings have been held and committees appointed to prosecute the good work, and subscriptions are flowing in freely. Notwithstanding the depressed state of business and mining in this district at the present time, we think that if an effort were made, say by his Worship the Mayor, the Cromwell district would not be behind in responding to the deserving cause now evoking the generous impulses of New Zealand colonists.

The directors' report of Guthrie and Larnach's New Zealand Timber and Woodware Factories Company (Limited) for the nine months ended 31st December last has been published. The report shows a net profit for the nine months of £24,033. The directors recommend a dividend at 10 per cent. per annum, carrying £7,000 to the reserve fund, which will then stand at £12,000. The operations of this Company are on a gigantic scale, the sales in Dunedin alone for the three months ended 31st December having exceeded £103,000, besides all the operations of the numerous branches. Something like 1,000 hands are employed by the Company in their factories, saw-mills, vessels and branches.

During last session of Parliament, Mr Pyke, in the course of a discussion leading on to the merits of the County system as against Provincialism, moved—"That a return be laid before this House showing the amount expended by the Provincial Government of Canterbury, from the date of the settlement of that province to the date of Abolition and the inauguration of the County system, on roads, bridges and other public works within that portion of the said province comprised within the Counties of Waitaki, Vincent and Lake; also the amount of land revenue received by the Provincial Government of Canterbury during the same period." Mr Pyke evidently had good grounds for his motion, as we find from a Parliamentary paper just to hand with others. By the returns furnished therein we are informed that from the date of settlement of Canterbury Province to Abolition, the land sales in that portion now comprised in Vincent County amounted to 2,413 acres, which realised £4,826; while in what is now portion of Lake County 220 acres were sold, realising £440. The expenditure by the Canterbury Provincial Government in these districts during the same period was—nil.

The local Volunteers paraded in considerable strength on Thursday evening last, when the company was exercised in a variety of drill by Capt. Brown and Sub-Lieut. Jolly. The Bannockburn contingent was very fairly represented considering the difficulties of travelling between there and Cromwell. Before dismissal, six new members were sworn in. A meeting of members was afterwards held, principally with a view to learning how many of the corps intended being present at the Invercargill review, to take place on 12th and 14th April. About twenty names were taken by the secretary, so that there is every indication that Cromwell will be fairly represented on the occasion. The proposed terms of district prize-firing were also submitted and approved. In this connection, Volunteers will find published in another column a district order issued by the acting-Major, setting forth the prizes awarded, on what dates they are to be competed for by the respective companies, and the regulations to be observed. We understand these latter will be strictly enforced. We have authority for stating that in addition to the Government prizes, there will be awarded to the highest individual scorer in the district firing a silver medal of the value of £3. A company cup, value £12 12s, will also be competed for, to be won twice by any company before becoming its absolute property. The aggregate highest score of any five members of a company in the annual firing will win the trophy. These additional prizes are subscribed for by the commissioned of the District, and should stimulate Volunteers to attain proficiency.

Chief-Justice Prendergast is acting Governor, pending the arrival of his Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson.

At Christchurch on February 26th, the wife of a cayman named Goodger committed suicide by taking poison.

Robert Bird and Horatio Pine, of Dunedin, have arranged a walking match of 20 miles, each carrying 12 bricks!

At Reefton, West Coast, the spread of typhoid fever is creating quite a scare, and families are leaving the locality. It is proposed to disband the public school for a time.

The Cromwell School Committee has pronounced in favor of Messrs Frazer, Ramsay and Green as members of the Education Board. The first-named gentleman seems to obtain general support from up-country committees.

Mr John Cassells, ex-sergeant of police, late of Cromwell, writes a three-column letter to a Dunedin contemporary on Australian bush-ranger. The writer displays an appalling knowledge of this class of crime from the year 1853.

The Rev. Mr Ash arrived at Clyde yesterday by the down coach. We have not heard whether any arrangements have been made regarding his taking charge of St. Michael's Church there, but believe that negotiations are pending.

The *Chronicle* notes that residents in the Mount Ida district have been very lucky in drawing horse in Cameron's sweep on the Dunedin Cup. The first prize (Mata) was won by two residents named Eccles and Nixon, while two other men each drew non-starters.

The name of the late Mr John McLean, of Morven Hills, appears in last *Gazette* in the list of deceased persons whose estates have been placed under the management of the Public Trustee during January last. The value of deceased's personal estate is put down as under £4,000.

Hotel property on the West Coast is at a terrible discount. The *Hokitika Times* states that at Westport one of the largest hotels in the place, the Commercial, late Theatre Royal, with spacious hall attached, was a day or two since sold for £250, the price covering not only the main building but five sections and two cottages.

COUNTY BUILDINGS, CLYDE.

The new buildings for the accommodation of the Vincent County Council and officers being now all but completed and ready for occupation, a brief description of the structure may not be wanting in interest to some of our readers.

The building is erected on a section adjoining that on which stands the Court-house at Clyde. Unfortunately for the latter, the County offices have been brought forward a few feet beyond the Court-house, and consequently the temple of justice—itsself no mean building—is somewhat dwarfed and on one side completely hidden by the more pretentious erection. The County offices have a very striking appearance from a front view, although we think a more judicious site might have been chosen for all-round prominence, if we may so express it. As a general thing, Goldfields towns cannot boast of many handsome erections, and when such are designed—especially public buildings—every endeavor should be made to have them in commanding positions. That this is not so is about the only fault that can be found with the County offices at Clyde.

The building is of stone, and is in style Græco-Roman. It is 55 feet by 38 feet, the height being 22 feet, and 29 feet to top of pediment. The east, or main, front is 55ft., and forms a splendid elevation. The front of the main hall stands forward about 3ft., thus forming a projection which divides the front into three sections. The side sections each comprise two capacious rooms intended for offices—those on the right for the clerk and engineer respectively, and those on the left are to be used, that at the rear as a committee-room, although available for the Chairman when the Council does not sit, while the front room is to be set apart for the local museum. Returning to the front, the internal and external angles terminate in a finish of pilasters in pairs, supporting the pediments and massively-moulded entablature. In the panel of pediment will be set the Vincent County arms, and beneath the date of erection set in a block of polished local marble. The pilasters, door and window architraves are finished in Portland cement, in imitation of freestone. The panels are neatly built in with the schist stone of the district, contrasting yet harmonising beautifully with the tastefully-moulded pilasters and cornices. The north elevation is done in a similar manner, broken by pilasters supporting cornice and a neat pediment over the entrance to offices.

The Council hall is 33ft x 22ft, and 16ft 6in high, with entrance-door 10ft high. The ceiling is of Kauri timber, panelled and moulded. The walls are plastered, the base and sub-base having heavy moulded skirtings and dado-lining. The ceiling cornice is a most tasteful design in fret-work placed in heavy mouldings. The high ceiling gives the cornice a fine effect, and the open work also facilitates ventilation when required. As already noticed, the departmental offices are right and left of the main entrance, each opening off the Council hall. The ceilings of the rooms are 13ft high, and each finished with a cornice similar to the hall; the whole plastered and dado-lined. Each compartment, together with hall, is provided with fire-places, and all are splendidly lighted by large windows 4ft x 9ft. The whole building evidences great care in its construction, and the plan seems to have

been devised to give the greatest possible accommodation with the least sacrifice of space.

The stone of which the building is erected was quarried just above Clyde, while the lime used was burnt at Alexandra; the framing and flooring timber is from the Wamaka mills, and in saying that each is of excellent quality we only testify further to the resources of the County.

The architects are Messrs Mason and Wales, Dunedin; and the contractor is Mr James Taylor, who seems in every respect to have carried out his duties faithfully and well.

DISTRICT PRIZE FIRING.

Lake District Volunteer Office, Queenstown, February 25th, 1879.

Rules and Conditions for the District Prize Firing, Lake District Volunteers.

1. The sum of £16 8s sterling having been voted by the General Assembly to the Lakes District, and the sum so voted having been appropriated by the Government for prizes, each company will have to provide markers at their own expense.

2. The prizes shall be appropriated as follows:—1st prize, £4; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2 10s; 4th, £2; 5th, £1 10s; 6th, £1 5s; 7th, £1 3s; 8th, £1.—Total, £16 8s.

3. The ranges shall be—200, 400, and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range, any position throughout. Bull's-eye 8 inches square at 200 yards.

4. The firing shall take place at Queenstown and Arrowtown on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of March, 1879, commencing at 6 o'clock a.m., and at Cromwell on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of March 1879, commencing at 6 a.m. The firing must be strictly in accordance with the general rules published this year.

5. Captain H. J. Finn, commanding the district, will conduct the firing at Queenstown, and Sergt-Major James Scully at Arrow and Cromwell, on behalf of the Government.

6. Any Volunteer wishing to compete shall send in his name at least one clear day before the day appointed to fire to the officer commanding his company.

7. No Volunteer will be allowed to enter for the above competition, who is in arrears to his company, until such arrears are settled to the satisfaction of the Captain of his company, or officer appointed by him.

8. The highest scorers to be declared the winners. Ties to be fired off in accordance with printed rules issued to each company by the Government.

9. As soon as possible after the firing has been concluded, returns showing the full scores of all competitors, and a separate return of the names of the prize-men with their scores, must be sent to the officer commanding the district.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, February 26.

Mr Graham Berry had an interview to-day with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and urged the necessity for Imperial legislation or other intervention, as the difficulty under actual circumstances is incapable of adjustment. The interview was private. Mr Berry regards it as satisfactory. Another will be held in a few days.

An English and a French frigate have gone to Alexandria, to watch events in Egypt.

The first call of the City of Glasgow Bank yielded £2,000,000. The estimated liabilities have been reduced and the assets increased, and full payment of the Bank debts is expected to be made.

The French Prince Imperial is going to Natal to witness the campaign against the Zulus.

The *Times* in a leading article to-day announces it has reason to believe that the colonists of South Africa will adopt the system of federal government.

An extraordinary credit of £1,500,000 has been asked for the Zulu war.

Mr Berry handed the Secretary of State for the Colonies a reply to the dispatch of 1st October.

February 27.

The Victorian Embassy was received with the utmost courtesy. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said the subject was of great importance, requiring grave deliberation, and he desires that the Commissioners should again see him before the matter is submitted to the Imperial Cabinet. Mr Graham Berry, the spokesman, expressed satisfaction with the interview.

February 28.

The Zulus are concentrating to invade Natal. The extraordinary credit asked for has been unanimously carried.

The Estimates for the Navy are £19,500,000, showing a decrease of £1,500,000.

CAPETOWN, February 11.

The British are strictly on the defensive, and the frontier is quiet.

The colours of the 24th Regiment were recovered. The Boers of the Transvaal refuse to assist the British.

A notable long-distance swimmer from England has arrived in Australia, and purposes exhibiting his powers in New Zealand. Amongst the feats of Mr Cavill are mentioned his swims from London bridge to Greenwich, a distance of 22 miles, in five hours and a quarter; from Southampton to Portsmouth, 22 miles, in seven hours 35 minutes; and from Dover to Ramsgate in six hours. His greatest achievement, however, was his swim across the Channel, from Cape Grisnez, in France, to the South Foreland, which he performed in a little over 12 hours. Mr Cavill has brought with him two of his children, who are described as being exceedingly clever in the water.

ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 3.

Harvesting is now in full swing, and at least two reapers and binders are in operation, which act excellently, and effect a great saving in labor. The wheat crops are in some cases only good, but on the whole are seen to suffer greatly from the severe weather during last spring.

The All Nations Co. commences crushing to-day, and has 40 tons of stone already down from the reef to the machine, and is daily adding to the supply. The Homeward Bound Co. is progressing, and I hear it has already crushed some 200 tons of stone since it started. The Tipperary reef is now 14 or 15 feet wide, and contains some very rich seams of quartz. The company employs four drays constantly carting from the mine to the Public Battery, which is now in full power, its 10 heads going night and day 78 strokes per minute. The Tipperary South Co. has struck the cap of the reef about 9 feet wide, and intends sinking at once on the stone. The Gladstone Co. is on golden stone, and will shortly proceed to stoop out for a crushing. The Ladye Fayre Co. has completed its paddock, and has started a tunnel on the lower boundary of the mine.

The Invercargill Review is likely to be largely patronised by the local Volunteers and the general public of the district. There is every probability of some 40 or 50 of the Rifles and Cadets attending from the Arrow Companies. The district prizes are to be competed for here on the 6th, 7th and 8th of this month. The Arrow men were very successful as prize-takers last year, but from scarcity of ammunition during the last quarter, hardly a shot has been fired for practice; at the same time, some excellent scoring has been made during class-firing. It is to be hoped the officers will give—as at first suggested—a medal to the highest scorer in the district and a champion cup to the best shooting company.

The Mountaineer steamer is quite an addition to our possessions, and is spoken highly of by all who availed themselves of the offer of the Wakatipu Steam Navigation Company by taking a free trip to Kingston and the head of the Lake on Thursday and Friday last. Her accommodation is ample and her speed excellent; she was only two hours making the trip from Queenstown to Kingston, and two hours and five minutes returning.

The Arrow District Hospital Bazaar will be held on the 28th and 29th of this month, and the ladies are working with a will to make it a thorough success. The Site Committee has arranged with Mr F. W. Burwell, architect, to draw up plan of a building suitable for present requirements. Trees are to be planted round the grounds this fall, and from the site being so adjacent to the town, more care and attention will be devoted to beautifying and laying out the grounds than if at a distance.

DUNEDIN ANNUAL RACES.

FIRST DAY.—THURSDAY.

The annual races of the Dunedin Jockey Club commenced this day, and after the threatening weather of the early part of the week it was an unexpected pleasure to have so favorable a day as this. The sun shone out brilliantly, and the ground was in perfect order, although the running track was necessarily dull after the late rains. The lawn and saddling paddock were in fine condition, and, with the grand stand, were largely patronised. At the commencement of proceedings there were about 6,000 people on the ground, but this number was largely added to during the day. The following were the results of the different events:—

MAIDEN PLATE, of 80 sovs. The second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a half. Weight for age.

Mr S Horsfall's King Quail, 7½ 9lb ...	1
Mr W Sheepshank's Milo, 9st 3lb ...	2
Mr W C Webb's Dundee, 7st 9lb ...	3
Mr A C Mackay's Minnie, 9st 9lb ...	0
Mr R J Mason's Huntingdon, 7st 9lb ...	0
Mr W Swanson's Boadicea, 7st 6lb ...	0
Mr H Goodman's Playboy, 5st 3lb ...	0

Betting: Even on Dundee, 2 to 1 against Playboy, 3 to 1 King Quail, 5 to 1 any other.

A somewhat straggling start was effected, Milo and Minnie getting all the best. King Quail and Boadicea got off last, while Huntingdon was startled by the flag and whipped round at the post, thus losing all show in the race. Rounding the turn King Quail was taken to the front, and Dundee and the chesnut were at the back of the course showing signs of having had enough of it. Mr Horsfall's colt was joined by Milo. These two came right away from the field, but what appeared likely to turn out a close contest between the pair resulted in an easy victory for King Quail, who shook Milo off without any exertion and won by two lengths. Dundee was a very bad third, Minnie fourth, Playboy fifth, Boadicea last. Time, 2min. 57½sec.

THE CHAMPAGNE STAKES, for two-year-olds; a sweepstake of 10 sovs each, with 100 sovs added. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 7lb. The second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stakes. Six furlongs.

Mr W Walter's b.c. by Izaak Walton—Slander	1
Mr H P Lance's b f Marie Antoinette, by Maria Theresa	2
Mr D O'Brien's b f Fenella, by Flying Dutchman—Novice	3
Mr W C Webb's ch c Adamant	0
Mr J Chafe's b f Dione	0

Betting: 3 to 2 against Izaak Walton colt; 2 to 1 Adamant and Marie Antoinette; 4 to 1 Dione and Fenella.

At the first attempt the lot were sent away together, but the Slander colt's colors were soon seen in front, and he cut out the running at a merry pace. Turning into the straight the leader drew still further ahead, and the race appeared to be all over, but two hundred yards from home Marie Antoinette and Fenella came again, and French had to pull out the whip to his colt. As soon, however, as he felt it he sprang away from his immediate followers, and won rather easily by a length and a half.

THE DUNEDIN CUP, a handicap of 500 sovs, with a sweepstake of 10 sovs each. The second horse to receive 50 sovs, and the third 20 sovs from the stakes. Two miles and a distance.

Mr G Fraser's b g Mata, 4 yrs, 7st 8lb (Clifford)	+1
Mr R Ray's ch g Sinking Fund, 6 yrs, 6st 10lb (Webster)	+2
Mr R Ray's br h Templeton, aged, 9st 9lb (Owner)	3
Mr W F Neilson's b g Fishhook, aged, 9st 6lb	0
Mr R Ray's b m Maritana, aged, 8st 12lb	0
Mr H Goodman's br h Chancellor, 4 yrs, 7st 6lb	0
Mr W Walter's ch m Venus Transit, 4 yrs, 7st	0
Mr H P Lance's b c Nemo, 3 yrs, 7st	0
Mr T Logan's ch h Cloth of Gold, 6 yrs, 6st 13lb	0
Mr A Smith's br h Benjiroo, aged, 6st 10lb	0
Mr R J Mason's br g Camballo, 4 yrs, 6st 9lb	0
Mr H Goodman's ch c York, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb	0
Mr J Stephenson's br h Vampire, 5 yrs, 6st 7lb	0

Betting: 3 to 1 against Sinking Fund; 4 to 1 Chancellor; 5 to 1 Templeton; 7 to 1 Fishhook; 10 to 1 Mata and Nemo; 100 to 7 Camballo and Maritana; 100 to 5 Cloth of Gold, Vampire and York; 100 to 3 Benjiroo and Venus Transit.

Mr Ray declared to win with Templeton; Mr Goodman with Chancellor.

There was intense excitement as the 13 horses took their preliminary canter and then went down to the post. Here a little fiddling occurred, three break-aways occurring, in which Sinking Fund and Maritana went as far as the stand. At length the flag fell to a perfectly level start, the lot being almost abreast on approaching the stand. Here, however, Sinking Fund showed slightly in advance, with Venus Transit and Chancellor lying next, Camballo, Nemo, Maritana, and Benjiroo all in a cluster, Templeton three lengths behind everything. Going round to the right the favorite still showed the way, but he lost the company of Venus Transit, who was passed by Chancellor and Nemo, with Vampire and Maritana close up, the rest of the field beginning to straggle. At the far side the field closed up again with the exception of Mata, who was last but one, Templeton having passed him, and Cloth of Gold, who was tailing off, being the only exception. Coming into the straight, Camballo was brought up into third place, and Maritana also supplemented Nemo, while at the same time Templeton was seen to be gradually threading his way through his horses. Passing the stand the second time, the white jacket of Sinking Fund was still a length ahead, but Chancellor had disappeared from the prominent place he had held, Nemo and Fishhook, who now looked dangerous for the first time, filling third and fourth places. Camballo was soon about full of it, and retired rapidly, while Ray brought Templeton up hand over hand, and went after the leaders. At the opposite side of the course he had passed Nemo, and was alongside his stable companion, and the Cup seemed all over, but here Mata came with a surprising rush, and at the distance post he was on terms with Ray's pair. From here home a great struggle ensued between the trio. Templeton was the first to cry a-go, leaving Sinking Fund to fight it out with Mata. The chesnut a hundred yards from home looked like throwing it up, but Webster using the whip on him freely and riding him most determinedly, the favorite struggled along and ran head and head with Mata past the stand and the winning post. Amidst tremendous excitement the judge declared it a dead-heat, which it undoubtedly was. Templeton was a good third, Nemo fourth, Venus Transit fifth, the rest pulling up. Chancellor was last but one, the absolute last being Cloth of Gold. Time, 3min. 57sec., or two seconds quicker than last year. The owners of Sinking Fund and Mata decided to run off the dead heat, and they met for the final struggle after the Selling Race.

Mata won the run-off by a nose, after a desperate race. Time, 4min. 4½sec.

LADIES' PURSE, of 60 sovs. One mile and a distance. Welter weight for age. Gentleman riders.

Mr H P Lance's Foul Play, 4 yrs, 11st	1
Mr S Horsfall's Ratcheter, 4 yrs, 11st	2

Betting: 3 to 2 Foul Play.

There were only two starters, most of the other horses entered having got a grueling in the Cup race. On getting away Ratcheter led by half a length till half-way round, when Mr Turnbull took Foul Play to the head of affairs, and won hands down by five lengths. Time, 2min. 10½sec.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP, of 100 sovs, with a sweepstake of 10 sovs each. The second horse to receive amount accruing from the sweepstakes. One mile and a quarter. The winner of the Cup to carry 7lb extra.

Mr J W Malloch's b h Foul Play, 4 yrs, 8st	1
Mr J Stephenson's b h Vampire, 7st 2lb	2
Mr R J Mason's br g Camballo, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb	3

Won after a grand race by half a length. Time, 2min. 19sec.

SELLING RACE, of 50 sovs. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half. Weight for age.

Mr R J Mason's Huntingdon, 3 yrs, 7st 9lb	1
Mr J Andrew's Exile, aged, 7st 5lb	2
Mr I Loughnan's Foam, aged, 7st 12lb	3
Mr F Naumann's b g Tommy, aged, 7st 5lb	0
Mr J Reany's br g Otakia, 5 yrs, 7st 3lb	0

Betting: 3 to 2 on Huntingdon. Won after a good race by half a length, Foam a fine third. Time, 2min 56½sec.

SECOND DAY.—FRIDAY.

The weather to-day was even finer than that of yesterday, the sun shining brightly and a gentle breeze tempering the heat of its rays. The attendance numbered fully 6000, which is extraordinarily good for a second day. The following were the results:—

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 80 sovs; the second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Two miles and a distance, over 10 flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high.

Mr P Butler's Agent, 5 yrs, 12st 3lb	1
Mr H Prince's Eversley, aged, 10st 10lb	2
Mr H Gourley's Kildare, aged, 9st 4lb	3
Mr W F Neilson's Te Whetumarama, aged	0
Mr R Fraser's Loyalty, aged, 9st 7lb	0
Mr W. H. Taggart's Dalesman, aged, 8st 7lb	0

At the fall of the flag Kildare darted off in front, but was supplanted by Eversley, who led over the first hurdle with Kildare and The Agent close behind. Dalesman was fourth, but he struck and fell, throwing Galt head over heels, though not injuring him. The horse, however, was not again in the race. Te Whetu and Loyalty cleared the obstacle last. At the third jump Loyalty refused and thereby lost all chance. At a mile and a half The Agent and Kildare began to draw further away; but a quarter of a mile from home, Eversley came with a great rush, and Te Whetu at the same time making his effort, the four cleared the last hurdle almost together, and what looked like a promising race commenced up the straight. O'Brien, however, soon had to begin riding Te Whetu vigorously, and, although the Maori horse responded gamely, weight told and he could never get up to the leaders. Kildare also gave in before reaching the stand, and, though Eversley strained every nerve to reach The Agent, the latter won, with a good deal in hand, by three lengths; Kildare, who was only half a length behind, third; Te Whetumarama fourth. Time, 4min. 38sec.

THE DUNEDIN LEGER, a sweepstake of 10 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; for three-year olds. Colts 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 7lb. The second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stakes. One mile and three quarters and 132 yards.

Mr H P Lance's Nemo, 3 yrs, 8st 10lb	1
Mr H Goodman's York, 3 yrs, 8st 10lb	2

York got all the best of the start, and went away with a lead of six clear lengths. The pair retained these positions for a mile and a-half, but then Clifford let Nemo out, and rapidly overhauling York, he had him in trouble at the entrance to the straight, and won comfortably by half a length. Time, 3min 25sec.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, of 300 sovs, with a sweepstake of 50 sovs each. The second horse to receive the amount accruing from the sweepstakes; the third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. One mile and three quarters.

Mr W F Neilson's Fishhook, aged 9st	1
Mr H Goodman's Chancellor, 4 yrs, 6st 7lb	2
Mr R Ray's Titania, 5 yrs, 7st 12lb	3
Mr J Stephenson's Vampire, 5 yrs, 6st	0

Chancellor jumped off with a slight lead of Fishhook and Titania; Vampire last. At the far side of the course Vampire made a determined effort, and, passing Titania, got on even terms with Fishhook, but he was soon done, and fell back to keep the mare company. Chancellor and Fishhook then drew away from them, and turned into the straight together, but Rudings had then to be hard on Chancellor, and despite every effort on the part of horse and rider, Fishhook came in a comfortable winner by a clear length. Time, 3min 12½sec; the fastest time by 4sec that this race has been run in.

NOVEL RACE, a handicap of 80 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr W Swanson's Numa, aged, 7st 10lb	1
Mr T Thompson's Rosemary, 5 yrs, 7st 3lb	2
Mr J Andrew's Exile, aged, 8st	3

Jack the Flat, Larrikin and Tommy also started.

At the straight Numa had a lead of three clear lengths, and this advantage he increased every stride, winning hands down by 50 yards. Rosemary was second, Exile a bad third. Time, 2min 21sec.

THE RAILWAY PLATE, of 100 sovs, the gift of David Proudfoot, Esq. Three-quarters of a mile. Weight for age.

Mr W F Neilson's Fishhook, aged, 9st 11lb	1
Mr R Ray's Maritana, aged, 9st 11lb	2
Mr W Walter's b c by Izaak Walton	3
Mr W C Webb's Foul Play	0
Mr H P Lance's Marie Antoinette	0

After three or four breakaways, in which Marie Antoinette and Adamant showed prominently, the lot were sent off rather unevenly. Fishhook was half a length in front of all, Maritana and the Slander colt lying next, Foul Play, Marie Antoinette and Adamant in the rear. After a couple of hundred yards the Auckland colt rushed to the front and Marie Antoinette also passed Fishhook, but it was only for a moment, for Fishhook came again, and the three race away for the remainder and turned into the straight together. Here it was evident that Fishhook had all the best of it, and he soon disposed of his two companions, and, stalling off the last effort of Maritana, who had come up very fast in the last quarter of a mile, he won easily by two lengths. Time, 1min 15½sec.

THIRD DAY.—SATURDAY.

HANDICAP STEEPCHASE, of 100 sovs; the second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stakes. About three miles, over such fences as the stewards may appoint.

Mr H Gourley's Kildare, aged, 9st 10lb	1
Mr R Fraser's Loyalty (late Shillelagh), aged	2
Mr P Butler's The Agent, 5 yrs, 12st 10lb	3
Mr S J Mercer's Te Kooti, aged, 9st 7lb	0
Mr H Prince's Eversley, aged, 11st	0

At the fall of the flag Eversley and Kildare darted off in front and led over the in-and-out jump opposite the stand, Loyalty next, Te Kooti and The Agent last. Turning in for the straight run home Loyalty had got his head in front of Kildare, who stuck well to him, however, and Eversley at the same time coming with a great rush, an exciting contest took place. Loyalty was the first to give in, and Eversley then commenced gaining on Kildare, and got nearly up to his head; but here a most unpleasant contretemps took place. The two horses came on locked together for the last hundred yards, jostling each other at every stride in a most extraordinary manner, and it was plainly seen that this was caused by Lyford having hold of Kildare's reins. The upshot was that amidst great hooting and excitement Eversley passed the post a neck in front of Kildare. The scrimmage nearly gave Loyalty the race, for Armstrong brought him up again and he passed the post almost level with Kildare. The Agent was fourth, fifty yards off. Time, 7min. 25sec. Eversley returned to weigh in amidst great hooting, and Mr Courley, of course, immediately entered a protest against Eversley's receiving the stakes on the ground of foul riding. In justice to Lyford we must mention that he avers that Kildare's reins got entangled round his spur, and that to get himself clear he had to take hold of them. The stewards met, and, after hearing evidence, awarded the stakes to Kildare. In consideration of Lyford's previously good character, he was disqualified only during the pleasure of the Club.

FORBURY HANDICAP, of 200 sovs, with a sweepstake of 5 sovs each; the second horse to receive the amount accruing from sweepstakes. One mile and a half.

Mr J W Malloch's Foul Play, 7st 10lb	1
Mr R Ray's Templeton, aged, 9st 12lb	2

Sinking Fund, Laertes, Chancellor, Venus Transit, and Cloth of Gold also ran.

After half-a-dozen breaks away, owing to eagerness to get off, a good start was effected, but Chancellor and Sinking Fund speedily went to the front and made the pace. A quarter of a mile from home Foul Play was let out, and rapidly leaving Laertes he turned into the straight on terms with Chancellor and Sinking Fund, on the latter of whom Allan soon had the whip. Ray, seeing that the favorite was in difficulties, now called on Templeton, and the old horse, answering with the greatest gameness, passed successively Venus Transit, Laertes, Chancellor, and Sinking Fund, but could never quite get up to Foul Play, who won with a little in hand by a length. Time, 2min. 45sec.

THE QUEEN'S PLATE, of 100 sovs, with a sweepstake of 5 sovs each; the second horse to receive the amount accruing from the sweepstakes. Two miles and a distance. Weight for age.

Mr W F Neilson's Fishhook, aged 9st 3lb (including 7lb penalty)	1
Mr H P Lance's Nemo, 3 yrs, 8st 5lb (including 10lb penalty)	2

Fishhook indulged Nemo with a slight lead till a mile and a quarter was covered, when the colt ran out very wide, losing a dozen lengths at least, and the favorite coming away won hands down by six lengths. Time, 4min 5sec.

FLYING HANDICAP, of 100 sovs, with a sweepstake of 2 sovs each; the amount accruing from the sweepstakes to go to the second horse. One mile and a distance.

Mr H Goodman's Chancellor, 4 yrs, 6st 7lb	1
Mr J W Malloch's Foul Play, 4 yrs, 8st 4lb	2
Mr J Stephenson's Vampire, 5 yrs, 6st 3lb	3

Maritana, Benjiroo and Sapphira also ran.

At the signal Chancellor jumped off in front and led slightly passing the stand, Sapphira and Maritana being close up, with Foul Play, Vampire and Benjiroo in the rear. A grand struggle home ensued, but amidst great excitement it was seen that Chancellor was holding his own, and although Foul Play and Vampire came with a determined rush they could not pass him, and the Otago horse won by quite a length from Foul Play, who was only a neck in front of Vampire. Maritana was fourth. Time, 2min 3sec.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, of 70 sovs; the second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stakes. One mile.

Mr Walters's Venus Transit, 4 yrs, 6st 10lb	1
Mr J Stephenson's Vampire, 5 yrs, 6st	2
Mr Swanson's Blue Peter, aged, 7st 4lb	3

KAITANGATA RELIEF FUND HANDICAP, for a purse of — sovs. Three-quarters of a mile. The whole of the proceeds to be presented to the Kaitangata Relief Fund.

Mr Dodson's Sapphira, 4 yrs, 6st 3lb	1
Mr W Swanson's Blue Peter, aged, 6st 12lb	2

Venus Transit, Huntingdon, Cloth of Gold, Dead Heat and Minnie also ran. Sapphira took a good lead early in the race, and won well from Blue Peter at the finish.

Ned Kelly left a written statement at Jerilderie which is full of intimations against the police. Kelly says that at 14 years of age he received a sentence of three months for using a neighbor's horse without his consent. After this he says the police "became a nuisance to my family." He then became a wandering gamester. He had stolen 200 horses. When the fray took place with Constable Fitzpatrick, the constable came to arrest his innocent brother Dan, and his mother said: "If Ned were here, he would kick you out of the house." Ned Kelly then came up. A struggle ensued, and Fitzpatrick was shot. This statement of Kelly is said to completely exonerate the police from the charge of taking improper liberties with his sister, which is now said to be a mere attempt to excite sympathy.

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FROM JACKSON'S BAY TO
ALBERT TOWN.

[BY A SWAGMAN.]

Rising early next morning, I walked over a few more miles of bush and shingle to the junction of the Burke and Haast Rivers—the former in a rock-bound gorge. You ford the Haast here—a most dangerous ford for pedestrians—and going through the bush a little you ford the river again. Can this be the track up this steep declivity? With my 24 years' gatherings on my back, amounting to 62lbs weight of clothes and tucker, and for a staff a long-handle shovel, I toiled, perspired and struggled up this steep ascent over rocks and roots with a grade (what can I compare it to?) nearly as steep as a brick-layer's ladder against a building. I toiled on until breathless. I laid my pack on a stump, and in doleful cadence groaned "The bonnie hills of Scotland," then up, up I went. How I struggled and toiled up this tortuous zigzag track. Spell oh! Sitting on a rock, I meditated thus: Who made this track? Was there an engineer at its conception? If so, he must have been a man of high and soaring ambition, of grand and lofty aspirations, for he ascended as near to heaven as he could possibly get in this world. But I must go on. What a lovely track—in some places nearly 2ft wide, composed of a precipitous rock, two stumps and a couple of 6in saplings laid horizontally across. I had now reached the Waterfall Creek—about half-way up—and I had serious thoughts about pitching my pack over the precipice. Lying down, I fell into a reverie, and, like Christian in the "Pilgrim's Progress," I thought I was on the rugged, crooked and steep ascent to heaven. Starting up, I bathed my brow in the clear, pellucid water, and in desperation I once more mounted this hill. How I worked and toiled, groaned and struggled, the perspiration bursting like musket balls from my forehead, and running in one continuous stream from off my venerable beard. At last, with one desperate and almost dying effort, I crossed the level top, and trudging along with a lightened heart, I sought to penetrate the dense foliage to catch a glimpse of heaven, when lo! with one fatal step I was plunged deep in the slough of despond, degradation and misery. Jehoshaphat! I was engulfed to the waist in mud and mire, fetid water, rotten and decayed vegetation—the germs of malaria and pestilence. Mr Editor, I did not swear. I wallowed and rolled like a pig in the mire, and after cutting a canal for some distance I at last crawled out. I did not lose anything by this immersion; myself and pack had gained about 10lbs of abomination. How I blessed the intellectual powers, the great mental ability of engineers; how I poured down benedictions on these lovely tracks—and the country in general—until the precipitous gorges and interminable chasms far down below echoed and re-echoed my prayer. Oh, shade of the once renowned but long-departed Macadam, haunt these roads and tracks; let your spirit hover over these road-makers, and instil into their minds the art and mysteries of road-making. But I must look out for the bogs on this track. (I am glad to hear they are now cutting a track in the right place—down the bed of the Haast.) Hoisting my swag, I resumed my journey, and being of a cheerful disposition, to keep up my spirits and cheer my lonely way, I lifted the anthem of "Sweet Erin-go-bragh." I was now over the saddle, and crossing Fish Creek—the first water falling this way—and not over my boots, I once more climbed a steep ascent, and coming down the descent I kept my weather eye alighting for the bogs of despond. I rolled more than walked down into the bed of the Makarora River, and turning round I took a last loving look, and shook out the dust but the mud from off my feet—the filthy abominations of the other side of the range. Breast high I waded down the Makarora River to wash off the contamination of that lovely track, the relics of the road-makers skill. In a short time I crossed Cameron's Creek, but hunger, cold water, and this heavy swag had told on me, and I must succumb. So I prepared to camp, not caring much what became of me, for what is life to a packman? Looking round, I was accosted by a gentleman, "Hillo! you look exhausted. I know you are from the Coast, you look so pale. Come man, don't lie there. Lift that huge pack on my horse, and jog along by my side; my home is only a short distance." Then jumping off, he sat me on in his place, and trudged along by my side, carrying my billy and other materials. Mr Editor, the race of Britons is not yet extinct. It don't matter who he was—I forbear to mention his name here, but it is engraved deep on my memory, in letters of everlasting gratitude. His kindness, his urbanity, and genuine hospitality the roll of time will never efface; and there is more than one gentleman at the head of the Wanaka. Thoroughly refreshed, I started once more down the shores of the Wanaka and Hawea Lakes, and in the space of two days I arrived at the station punt, opposite Albert Town. I was now completely done, and those that don't believe me, let them carry 60 odd lbs from Jackson's Bay to Albert Town. Sitting at the river side, I contemplated the hostelry with pleasure, and in anticipation I beheld the smoking viands and well kept table. Nor was I deceived. I lay here with my back skinned and my ribs sore, chafed and galled like an old, broken-down war-horse. Crossing the river, I staggered into Norman's bar. In a few moments we sat around the table, and never in all my rambles was I better entertained. After conversing a short time,

who should I recognise in my worthy host but an old-loved, much-respected school-fellow, and then the long-confined and pent-up feelings and emotions of 20 years burst forth. Man alive, to see us two old salts shake hands was a treat; he nearly dislocated my shoulder. Over a bowl of steaming-hot Jamaica, I recounted my rambles, tales of love and war, famishing hunger and scorching thirst; of wealth and poverty and thrilling adventures by flood and field. I must not omit the motherly kindness of the much-respected hostess. With what generous care, and attention she administered to my wants, and as she and her stalwart sons and fair daughters sat side by side, with what rapt attention did they listen to my narrative. I am sorry to see the late devastating floods were so near ruining this old colonist. What in a short time would have been one of the loveliest townships in the country is now a scene of utter ruin and desolation. I must once more thank them for their kindness and liberality.

In utter disgust and contempt of these New Zealand roads, I cast down my pack in your midst, and if I can find employment, will elevate it no more. I hope to again contribute to your valuable journal on local matters. Mr Editor, if I have failed in this my humble endeavor to please the public, I am grieved and sorry, but what could you expect from a common laborer—the working-bullock of society.

FRUIT TREES AND FRUIT.

With a climate and soil capable of growing the greatest variety and possibly the best quality of fruit to be found in any one country, it is to be regretted that a great many of our horticulturists are quite content to cultivate trees that ought not to be allowed a place in their orchards. A deal of fruit of all kinds is put in for sale which, though not "unfit for consumption" in a sanitary sense, would be far nearer its proper place if relegated to the pig trough. The peaches are frequently of a leathery consistence, and have a flavor a little inferior to that of a wilted turnip, whilst the stones and the skins compose the greater part of their substance. The same might be said of many other kinds of fruits exposed for sale, notably of windfall and green apples and pears. These inferior and immature fruits possess an advantage in the eyes of the vendors from the fact that they are so hard that no amount of knocking about will destroy their appearance; they can be thrown down with the boxes in which they are sent to market just as if they were cobble-stones, and will arrive at the end of the journey looking as fresh as when first picked up; whereas properly grown well-developed fruit would be reduced to a pulp by such treatment. The best kinds of cherries, the juiciest of strawberries, and the most luscious of peaches are not looked upon with favor by these growers, because they require such very careful handling and because the least rough usage will seriously damage them; whilst the trouble of attending to the cultivating of the inferior fruit is scarcely worth mentioning. Generally the only care bestowed upon the orchard in such cases is to dig around the roots once a year, and the crop gathered is just worth the labor bestowed upon it.

It is impossible to produce a really first-class fruit of any kind without the bestowal of a considerable amount of care in growing it, and when it is ripened it must be handled with the utmost gentleness. In the first place, the fruit trees (or vines or shrubs) must be chosen from amongst known and approved varieties; the soil and locality must be suited to the nature of the tree; then it must be properly planted—this is an important matter; after it is planted it must be attended to, watered, manured, trained, and pruned until it has reached a size large enough to enable it to carry fruit without injury. To secure good fruit and a continuance of bearing, over-production must be checked by picking off the surplus fruit as soon as it is formed. An over-greediness in the proprietor has often ruined what would have made a profitable tree. He sees an immense number of fruit "set" upon a favorite tree, and thinks he will make a good thing of it by leaving them to mature, but when he comes to gather them he will find a great number of small flavorless but possibly high colored fruit, equal in the total weight to what he would have obtained from half the number of larger ones had he picked the remainder off at first. But this is not the whole damage by a deal. Next year he will find scarcely any fruit on that tree, because the whole of the stored-up strength has been wasted in an effort to mature such a number of reproductive germs. Then there is a necessity to check the wild luxuriance of the leaves and branches, induced perhaps by climatic influences and by the richness of the soil. These leaves and branches are necessary in a great degree for the production of the fruit, but if they are allowed to grow without any check the product of pulp will be very small. There are two methods of checking this luxuriance, one by what is called "summer pruning," which is by far the best and most simple plan, and the other is the use of the knife and the saw after the tree has done its work for the year and when it has gone to rest. In summer pruning the buds are rubbed off in the places where it is thought undesirable that a branch should be permitted to grow, and thus the sap which would have been used in the production of a useless branch is diverted into another one, which is in the right position. This plan is easier and quicker than that in

which the saw is used, and is practised by the most careful gardeners. In gathering the fruit too much care cannot be taken, especially if it is intended to be kept. If it is ever so slightly bruised it will not keep, and in addition will tend to make the rest of the fruit with which it is packed go to decay. Peaches, too, should be more carefully handled. It is quite common to see the fruit rolled out from one box to another in the market, as if the fruit were so many potatoes (many varieties are nearly as hard as potatoes); but if the fruit is worth anything at all, this treatment would so bruise it that it would go to decay a few hours after. It would pay far better to grow the superior kinds, even in smaller quantities, and to put it in the market in a sound condition, than to raise a large quantity of worthless fruit such as is so common.

Pears and apples are fruits which require special observation to enable the grower to know when to pick them. Some kinds ought to be picked before they are ripe, and stored for a certain time before they are fit for use. Some will not ripen on the trees, and others will ripen best there. Autumn pears will bear gathering a fortnight before they are perfectly ripe, when they should be placed in a dry, dark and cool room. It is unnecessary perhaps to say that the stalk should, if possible, be gathered with all kinds of fruit. The one great point in gathering fruit for keeping is to handle it so that it shall not become bruised. Once bruised, even in a slight degree, and it is ruined for keeping.

SELECTIONS.

Turf Demoralisation.

We have more than once alluded in our columns to the monster "sweeps" which are now becoming so common in our midst, and have suggested either legislation or police interference as a means of checking what we consider a disgrace to the place. But though the principle of consultations is undoubtedly bad, still it is generally asserted, and we do not wish to contradict the statement, that the sweeps are fairly drawn, and the money, minus the promoter's small commission, honestly distributed amongst the persons who draw the winning numbers. We are glad to believe that such is the case in regard to consultations; but we are sorry that we cannot believe that anything like a similar spirit of fairness or honesty exists in what is popularly termed the betting market. It is impossible to shut our eyes to the fact that the main element in horse-racing is betting, and we do not suppose that in future, any more than in the past, either the law or the public Press can exercise much influence in eradicating that evil. But though both law and Press may be powerless in the matter, we are not at all certain that the Jockey Clubs either in Dunedin or elsewhere in the colony use the power which they undoubtedly have, of, to some extent at least, seeing fair play between the ring and the outside public. We believe that were the Jockey Club to judiciously revise their rules they might in some measure prevent, not betting, but swindling. The principle, for example, of allowing one owner to enter any number of horses and keep them in the race till the last moment, without scratching those which he does not intend to run, or declaring to win with the horse he intends to "send," is a fruitful source of robbery to the outside public. There is nothing at the present time to prevent the owner of a horse from entering his horse for any race, and by means of bookmakers, who share in the profits, betting against his own horse until the last moment, and then scratching him. We do not mean to say that this could be entirely prevented; but there is no doubt that if it were compulsory upon an owner, under some more or less heavy penalty, to scratch his horse, say 48 hours before the race, or else run him to win, a large amount of money which now changes hands on a certainty would never pass from the rightful owner, for it is well known that a very large proportion of the bets are made within a short time of the race. It might be argued, no doubt, that although you could by this means force an owner to run his horse, you could not compel him to run to win; but we think that a few disqualifications like the Fishhook case would make owners careful of pulling their horses; and besides this, few owners would care to run their horses without any chance of winning, if these horses were intended to run successfully in other races. The evil effect produced by owners of horses being permitted to scratch them a few hours or minutes before the race, has been, we believe, the cause of many of the worst racing swindles which have ever been perpetrated. We have heard of cases where the owners of horses have attended what are known as "Calcutta sweeps" on the evening before the race, and have bought their horses at high prices, and scratched them on the day following. Of course the result of such a transaction is apparent: a number of bets are immediately made with the book-makers, and the dupes find to their disgust, on the following day, that they have been really betting against a certainty. We do not for a moment justify the principle of betting on races at all; we consider it at best but folly in those who can afford to lose, and criminal in those who cannot, and the example of the former class has undoubtedly a prejudicial effect on the latter; but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that betting is carried on on every public race-course, and that a certain number of men do now, and will continue to, trade on people's ignorance and gullibility; and we consider it the duty of every Jockey

Club in the colony, so far as they are able to do so, to step in and see fair play between the public and the ring. We think that the suggestion we have thrown out would, if carried into effect, tend in a very great measure to stop the disgraceful practice of betting on what is a certainty to the book-makers.—Daily Times.

A Remarkable Marriage.

A marriage worthy of some notice took place at Hay, New South Wales, very recently. The bride (writes the Age) was connected with a certain *cause celebre* which lately attracted unprecedented interest in this Colony, namely, the prosecution and conviction of David Henry, late of Collins-street, money lender, for embezzlement. It will be remembered that David Henry's troubles in the civil and criminal courts originated in the alleged harsh and cruel manner in which he seized and sold the furniture, bedding, goods, and all the property belonging to Mrs Blakely Crawford, who had been keeping a boarding-house at St. Kilda. Mrs Crawford brought an action against Henry to recovery damages for illegal distraint, and would, according to good legal opinion, have recovered substantial compensation for the way in which she had been sold out of house and home. It was for attempting to bribe the jurors who were to try that action that David Henry was found guilty and sentenced to four years' imprisonment in Pentridge. However, before Henry's conviction, Mrs Crawford, in order to earn a living for herself and her children, found it necessary to accept a situation as housekeeper at a hotel in Hay. Here, in the course of her duties, she became acquainted with Mr Peter Tyson, the well-known squatter of Corrong station, a gentleman whose wealth is reputed to be something enormous, amounting, according to some accounts, to £3,000,000. Mr Tyson has been living as a bachelor all his life, and the numerous collateral members of his family had not the slightest idea that he intended to marry until Mrs Crawford appeared on the scene. No wonder such a marriage has caused a quite a flutter in the circles through which the squatting millionaire was accustomed to move. Mrs Tyson was the widow of the late Sidney B. Crawford, J.P., of Adelaide.

Death of a Robber King.

The Hungarian papers announce the death, in the prison of Szamos-Ujvar, of the celebrated bandit, Rosza Sandor, known in Hungary as the "Robber King." He was born at Szejedin in 1813; and both his father and grandfather were robbers by profession. His achievements, however, soon eclipsed those of his family, and he was admired as much as he was feared. The reckless courage with which he attacked the police, and even military escorts, on the high road in broad daylight, his generosity towards the poor, and his gallantry towards women, made him a sort of national hero. Some 30 years ago few people of the wealthier classes ventured to travel in Hungary without paying him tribute. His bands were well armed and organised, and the *szezony legenyek* (poor fellows), as the bandits were called in those days, found many sympathisers and accomplices among the peasantry. He was first imprisoned in 1836, but escaped in the following year by the assistance of his mistress, a peasant woman named Kati, whose husband he had killed by blowing his brains out with a pistol. During the revolution of 1848, Rosza Sandor was pardoned by Kossuth, and he then organised a free corps which did good service against the Government troops. After the suppression of the rising, Sandor resumed his former career. He did not again fall into the hands of the authorities until 1856, when he was betrayed by one of his companions, whom he shot as the soldiers were advancing to capture him. After a trial which lasted three years, Sandor was sentenced to be hanged; but the sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life. He remained eight years in the fortress of Kufstein, and was then set at liberty in virtue of a general amnesty. But he soon resumed his old pursuits. In 1863 he attacked, with some of his companions, a railway train at Felegyhaza. The Government sent a body of troops, under Count Gedeon Raday, to capture him; and four years later he was again brought before the criminal tribunal, together with a number of his accomplices, among whom were several magistrates and high civic functionaries. He was again sentenced to death, and the sentence was again commuted to imprisonment for life. The prison to which he was then sent is the one in which he died.

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bating the effects likely to result. Hide it as
he may, put on as good an exterior as he can,
still is the victim conscious that he is a living
lie, and that sooner or later his vices will discov-
er him to the world. Our Faith, our obliga-
tions to society at large, the welfare of our
future offspring, and the duty we owe to our-
selves forbids procrastination, and points out to
us not to wait till the ravages break out in our
constitutions.

Before negotiating with a merchant, before en-
gaging with a confidential clerk, before employ-
ing a barrister, a careful man makes enquiries as
to their standing, their length of occupancy or
residence; and, in the case of a legal adviser,
both as to his legal qualifications and to his cap-
abilities of transacting the individual business he
consults him upon. Strange to say, however,
in the selection of a medical man, the sufferer
frequently omits these necessary precautions and
without regard to the fitness, qualification, ex-
perience and ability for the particular ailment
requiring treatment, he consults the nearest
man, whose experience and practice, perhaps,
lies in quite an opposite direction.

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